

In Celebration of and  
Thanksgiving for the Life of

*Timothy M. Snellenberger*

November 3, 1956 – September 29, 2022



April 30, 2022 at 1:00pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great Commandment:

To love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

*All stand as they are able to for the opening anthem.*

### **Anthem**

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

### **The Collect**

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Celebrant    Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Tim. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Song

*He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother*, The Hollies

### The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel        *All stand as able***

**John 14:1-6**

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People        Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.

**People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily        The Rev. Radhajyoti Kaminski**

## The Apostles Creed

*Said in unison, all standing as able.*

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Leader For our brother Tim, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Tim, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**People Hear us Lord.**

Leader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**People Hear us Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.  
People **Hear us Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.  
People **Hear us Lord.**

Leader Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.  
People **Hear us Lord .**

Leader He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.  
People **Hear us Lord.**

Leader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Tim, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



*The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign.*

*The people respond* **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All    Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy Name,  
          thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
          as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
          but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
          for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant**    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation**

**Celebrant**    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

*The wine is available from the common cup. Those who prefer intinction will hand the eucharistic minister their wafer. The eucharistic minister will intinct the wafer for you and hand it back to you. You may receive communion in one kind if you do not wish to receive the wine for any reason. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know you need one when you come forward.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE COMMENDATION**

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ,  
to your servant with your saints,

**People where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**Celebrant** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tim. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

**The Blessing** *The celebrant blesses the people.*

### **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Said in unison as the body is borne from the church*

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.**

**The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen,  
giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

**Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying,  
Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.**

**Into paradise may the angels lead you.  
At your coming may the martyrs receive you,  
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.**

### **Eulogy Offered by the Family**

**Song**

*On the Road Again, Willie Nelson*

*The road is long with many a winding turn  
That leads us to who knows where, who knows where  
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother*

*So on we go  
His welfare is of my concern  
No burden is he to bear  
We'll get there*

*For I know he would not encumber me  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother*

*If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness  
That everyone's heart isn't filled with the gladness  
Of love for one another*

*It's a long, long road  
From which there is no return  
While we're on the way to there  
Why not share*

*And the load doesn't weigh me down at all  
He ain't heavy he's my brother*

*He's my brother  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother, he ain't heavy*

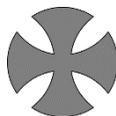
*~ "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" by The Hollies*

## Ministers in the Service

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| Celebrant               | The Rev. Radhajyoti Kaminski        |
| Readers                 | Tom Sands and Jerry Hoekwater       |
| Acolyte and Intercessor | Jerry Hoekwater                     |
| Ushers                  | Richie Sands and Ryan Snellenberger |
| Eulogy                  | Jon Snellenberger                   |

*Nothing is ever wholly lost.  
That which is excellent  
remains forever  
a part of this universe.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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